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Applicant(s): Nicholas A. Langrind, et al.

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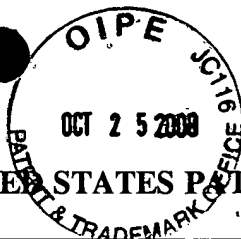
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the claims

Please amend claims 6-8 and 11-12 as follows and add new claims 17-28.

6. (Amended) A method of establishing a path for data transmissions in a system having a plurality of possible paths through a cross-connection card comprising:
[creating a configuration database; and]
establishing internal connection paths through the cross-connection card based upon a configuration policy [and the configuration database].